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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 9:57 AM

To: 'miles cobbett'

Subject: RE: Champion ... and Reading together as a Family

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

From: miles cobbett [mailto:alaskamiles@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 12:11 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Re: Champion ... and Reading together as a Family

Dear and Honorable Governor Sarah Palin

You are very welcome.

They say, when opportunity flys near-by to latch on for the adventure.

I had a great conversation with the Consul General Frantisek Hudak. When he mentioned he was here to meet with you, since he seemed like such a nice man, I took the chance and asked him for a great favor: Would he please hand carry a copy of *Champion...* directly to you? He seemed to gladly accept my request for such a favor. This made me very happy, and I hope you can accept it as my gift to you, and to your family.

I hope you make the opportunity to read it aloud with your family members. I designed it as a read-aloud book for kids, their teachers, and the kids family members. An exciting development is that so many adults are liking it too. Just this morning I saw Daniel Julius, the Director of Research and Academic Hiring at the University of Alaska, and he has been reading *Champion* as well. I am excited to hear his reading report. I still love to hear reading reports from kids, and sometimes I am lucky enough to get them from adults too. Daniel has promised to give me his when he has finished the book.

As you probably noticed, I picked Alaska colors for the books cover. I hope people all across Alaska, and all over the US, will enjoy reading about a fictional Alaskan character that becomes a sports hero. I tell kids, "You know Spider-man? Well this guy is called:
Ro-Man, or pronounced quickly--- Roman..." The story seems to be catching on quite well here in Fairbanks. Just yesterday a little girl seven years old, (and in the second grade), amazed her proud father and I at her ability to read page one --of chapter one--- all by herself. She was especially proud to be able to read "A Big Kid's Chapter Book." Since she was such a good reader, I gave her an autographed copy. She and her father are here in Alaska as tourists to go dog sledding in Tannana, visit Bettles, and now have a copy of my book to read together as father and daughter.

I am proud to say, my book is now selling here in Fairbanks at Guliver's Books, and just last week it began to be listed and sold on Amazon.com, so I am excited to see how it does on there

as well. I have personally sold $2,000 dollars worth of copies out of my own hands since I received my first shipment from the publisher just over 7 weeks ago.

Daniel Julius has told me he will post a Reader Review on Amazon as well as giving one back to me. I am excited to see what he has to say. We have had conversations about how he is a picky reader and how he is such a huge fan of Leo Tolstoy's book, *The Death of Ivan Illyich,* so it is a great honor to have him consider reading my book *Champion A Story of the Happy Life of Roman Lefthanded Losinski.*

As to my background, I graduated University of Alaska Fairbanks in 1994 with dual degrees in Psychology (emphasis in motivation and sports psychology), and Sociology (as an older adult). I worked most of my summers in Petersburg Alaska for Icicle Seafoods and also with Captain Art Murphy as a crewman/helmsman for his South East Alaska Tugboat Company Seakist Towing.
As citizens of Petersburg, my coffee shop counter pal, Viking Swim Coach John "Tex" Doughtery and I, began a youth club in Petersburg that we called the Petersburg Youth Activities Club, (because we both felt the teenagers in town needed something positive to do with their time), and then we staged four Petersburg Viking Mini-Triathlons (with participants ranging in age from 8 to 58), and held various other family sports/picnic activities in the Spring and summer of 1999. He went on to be the High School Swim Coach, and between tug boat runs, I took on the task of tutoring kids in Petersburg that struggled with reading, math and writing. Later, I went on to accept teaching positions in elementary schools in grades 3rd and 4th, and in middle school in grades 7th & 8th in South-Central Los Angeles, and in Pomona CA.

My life is now strictly devoted to writing books for children with the goal of hooking as many kids on reading as I can.

All my best to you and your family,

I remain respectfully your fellow Alaskan Citizen,

Miles Cobbett (AlaskaMiles on AuthorNation dot com and at goodreads dot com)

PS As you probably well know, the word on the street is that we Alaskan Citizens--- mostly, (seems like about 99.9% here in Fairbanks), all love the job you are doing as our Governor. Thank you for serving our Great State in such an Awesome manner.

PPS I was at the "Tired Iron Snow Machine Races" the same weekend you were here, and I am proud to say that the combined age of my Vintage 440 Moto-Ski Snow Machine and I was 93 years-old... :) Mine was one of the "back of the truck racers"---but maybe by next year I will have more free-time to get my machine and I ready for Race Day. Pass the word on to Todd to "watch out for 'Old Whisker's' the rookie Moto-Ski driver," ---that is, if he and I both make it to Tired Iron next year with Vintage machines. Please tell him hi for me.
Miles...

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 8:00 AM
To: mcnealjr@mtaonline.net
Subject: RE: Transportation

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 8:22 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Transportation

Web mail from: Ms. Rita McNeal

address: 7012 N. Saint Herman Street Wasilla AK 99654

907-373-3860

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin, I am very concerned about the world's growing supply and demand constraints on gasoline and diesel. Data from theoildrum.com shows the world peaked on production May 2005 and we are seeing consequences now. Alaska is in a unique position to benefit financial and be harmed the greatest by high oil prices. I would like to see the budget surplus go to infrastructure and best managing this budget to building an infrastructure that makes sense for a Alaskan in a tight transportation fuel world. Infrastructure priorities.

Enhanced community public transportation. Build more instate pipelines for natural gas. Forget the lower 48 and oil industry if they won't play. Commuter rail service within southcentral. Promote alternative energy development and traditional development. Wind, coal, geothermal all should be considered. Promote local agriculture and industry to meet Alaskan needs.

We are in tough financial times and you are in a unique position to set us in better standing for a challenging future. You have my support for putting all our surplus into infrastructure. Please do not put it into expanding the state payroll. It needs to be pared down not enlarged. Thank you, Rita

mcnealjr@mtaonline.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 7:58 AM
To: coppockrv@peoplepc.com
Subject: RE: Elections

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 8:53 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Elections

Web mail from: Mr. Mike Coppock

address: 3902 Oakcrest Ave Enid OK 73703

303-330-6854

MESSAGE:

I am a writer for NewsMax Magazine. My editor wishes for me to do a profile on Gov. Palin for one of the magazine's summer issues (We're a monthly). I understand the Governor is expecting. I can do this interview by phone in April or in person since I will be in Juneau the first part of July and the later part of June.

The nature of the interview would be on national political topis plus her background in Alaskan politics.

NewsMax is a politically conservative publication by nature.

I am in Denver right now on assignment, but will be back in the Oklahoma office by next week.

Respectfully,

Mike Coppock

coppockrv@peoplepc.com

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 12:09 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV)
Subject: Scheduling

J- tomorrow will be a very packed day trying to deal with fall-out from senate action on budget- figuring out and trying to straighten out their action and our message will be my top priority. Thus, the other scheduled mtgs throughout the day will have to be very short, if they HAVE to take place at all, and unless it's lawmakers or staff or media, I doubt I'll be able to squeeze in any stop-bys or other mtgs. It will be very important that I have time to work with Mike and Karen and Russ all this week on the most important priority- budget- and other things will have to be taken care of by LtGov's office and others. Thanks

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 11:53 AM

To: 'Milli'

Subject: RE: re: HB348, Sb176/HB256

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

From: Milli [mailto:millimom@xyz.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 11:24 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: FW: re: HB348, Sb176/HB256

From: Milli [mailto:millimom@xyz.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 11:18 AM
To: 'Sen. Gary Stevens'; 'Rep. Paul Seaton'; 'Governor Sarah Palin'
Subject: re: HB348, Sb176/HB256

Please do not support these bills. They go contrary to the repeated wishes of the public, and I am very, very disappointed that Gov. Palin has even brought them forward. It is wrong.
I strongly support the opinions as expressed by Mr. Nick Jans in yesterday's Anchorage Daily News.

I quote from that: "......the issue of aerial wolf and bear shooting pales in comparison to the real issue at stake: the democratic process. " "........strike down HB 348, and SB176/HB256, not because of your convictions regarding aerial predator control, but because of your convictions in a government of the people, by the people, and for the people."

I am truly shocked that, you, Gov. Palin would support this, after all the wonderful strides you have made to provide a more open government, and you have. But this legislation flies in the face of that.

Please defeat HB 348 and SB 176/HB256.

Thank you,

Milli Martin
P.O. Box 2652
Homer, AK 99603
907-235-6652

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 11:54 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Apr. 08 AKPTA Newsletter

From: AKPTA [mailto:akpta@alaska.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 11:16 AM
To: akpta@alaska.net
Subject: Apr. 08 AKPTA Newsletter

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A Note From Our Presi

Dear PTA Leaders,

As I stated in the previous newsletter
for the newsletter. My goal this time
sitting on an airplane, at 36,000 feet
fantastic week in Washington DC tryir

Mary Schrage, (President Elect), Paul
spent the past week hearing updates
items and issues that impact educatic
learning the issues, we also had the c
Senator Stevens and Pamela Day, (D
Young). These meetings also allowed
schools and several other issues that

It was very impressive to see PTAs fr
Hill. We all shared the same focus an
"PTA VOTES". We had an amazing op
from Kansas. They were there for a
national government works and to se
kids were loading up on their bus, on
patience with the kids' visible exciten
also thanked us for what we were doi
Hill and was amazed by the presence.

Many people continue to think of PTA
help schools raise money for one reas
newsletter repeatedly, it far more inv
of time making sure that the needs o
Federal level. We are very fortunate
of Alaska's kids and work hard to hel
PTA's goals. Advocating on behalf of
onevoice.

We need your continued input, updat
important to Alaska. This year we ha
due to a lack of interest. In place of
survey asking local units what our pri
we were focused on in Washington D.
you for giving us the direction, and w
priorities that are important to you.

As a result of my challenge to all of A
membership, we were at 8130 at the
membership goal was 9500 members
can achieve that goal. March 25th is t
you have received since you last sub
records and make sure you have sub
and payments to the Alaska PTA offic
please feel free to contact the State P

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Need to get in touch with the Board of Managers? It's easy!! Simply click on the link listed below on the net or enter the online link into your computer and you will.... Contact Us

Alaska PTA Home Page
http://www.alaskapta.org/

Alaska PTA Blog
Look for updates, changes and announcements on the

Alaska PTA Blog

National PTA
http://www.pta.org/

LEADERSHIP SATURDAY

1st Saturday of the month

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the

ALASKA PTA OFFICE
555 W. Northern Lights, Suite 204
Anchorage, AK 99503

If you are interested in working with the Board of Managers, letters of interest and applications for nomination can be found on the Alaska PTA website:

www.alaskapta.org

or by contacting the Alaska PTA office.

The following Committees need you: With your help, we can do more for all of the children in Alaska:

Click on the links below to check each one out.

Nominations

Bylaws

Convention

Legislative

We are also working on a new way to deliver training and reminders to the local units. Our goal is to have a monthly check off sheet with a short list of reminders for the local units and also a short Power Point presentation that will have a mini training session geared toward helping address a variety of subjects such as advocacy, membership, elections, bylaws and etc. We hope to roll out the first of these by the first of April. We will have these not only available to you in the e-mail but will also provide this and additional resources and training on our website. Stay tuned. . .

Sincerely,

Al Tamagni Jr.
Alaska PTA
President

2008 Alaska PTA Convention

"Charting Our Course"
April 17 - 19, 2008 in Fairbanks

Go to http://www.alaskapta.org/convention.htm for your 2008 Convention Planner complete with registration information, deadlines, and fees.

Beginning March 1st, travelers to Fairbanks can receive 10% discount on **Alaska Airlines/Horizon Air** flights using Certificate Code ECCMB0144. Discount reservations will be available for travel April 14 through 22, 2008. Please provide your ticket number to the Alaska PTA office so we can track the number of travelers and receive our credit for every 40 tickets sold.

The **Alaska Railroad** is pleased to provide Alaska PTA with a special fare of $99 for a one way ($198 round trip) fare Anchorage to Fairbanks or the reverse. The offer is valid April 16 – April 20, 2008. Please call the reservation line at 907-265-2494 in Anchorage or 800-544-0552 outside Anchorage and reference the code: AKPTA when making a booking. All schedule and fare information is on the website at www.AlaskaRailroad.com/passenger

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2008 Reflections Winners

Congratulations to the following winners of the 2008 Reflections Program:

Primary Literature Winner: Rion Iverson, Rogers Park, Anchorage
Primary Literature Honorable Mention: Kasper Maier, Joy, Fairbanks
Intermediate Literature Winner: Abigail Brice, Joy, Fairbanks
Intermediate Literature Honorable Mention: John Wolcott, Rabbit Creek, Anchorage
Middle Literature Winner: Hannah Souders, Goldenview, Anchorage
Middle Literature Honorable Mention: Chandler Grace, Schoenbar, Ketchikan
Senior Literature Winner: Emma Souders, Service, Anchorage
Senior Literature Honorable Mention: Kathryn Timm, West Valley, Fairbanks

Primary Photography Winner: Jack Carroll, Rogers Park, Anchorage
Primary Photography Honorable Mention: Kaylynn Zagyva, Finger Lake, Wasilla
Intermediate Photography Winner: Jennifer Hannah, Woodriver, Fairbanks
Intermediate Photography Honorable Mention: K. Daniel Jones, Rogers Park, Anch.
Middle Photography Winner: Hannah Souders, Goldenview, Anchorage
Senior Photography Winner: Emma Souders, Service, Anchorage
Senior Photography Honorable Mention: Mary Knight, West Valley, Fairbanks

Primary Visual Arts Winner: Alexis Friesen, Finger Lake, Wasilla
Primary Visual Arts Honorable Mention: Kiani Kalander, Larson, Wasilla
Intermediate Visual Arts Winner: Merryn Daniel, Rogers Park, Anchorage
Intermediate Visual Arts Honorable Mention: Laura Souders, Bowman, Anchorage
Middle Visual Arts Winner: Derante Owens, Ben Eielsen, Fairbanks
Middle Visual Arts Honorable Mention: Michaela Thomassen, Seward PTSA, Seward
Senior Visual Arts Winner: Yarrow Farris, Seward PTSA, Seward
Senior Visual Arts Honorable Mention: Hannah Berry, West Valley, Fairbanks

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Ways & Means

H.U.G.S.

Items to be sent to the Alaska PTA office to be a **"HEALTHY UNIT IN GOOD STANDING":**

1. Current Officers List
2. Insurance Premium Payment
3. Membership List
4. Membership Dues
5. Updated Bylaws (should be updated every 5 years)
6. Annual Audit for the 2006-2007 school year
7. 990EZ form filed if required

What Can PTAs Do Around Elections?

It is election time again, and many PTA leaders are having questions about what election related activities they can and can't engage in. Local PTAs are non-profit organizations and fall under the IRS election guidelines for non-profits. To help you decide what activities your local PTA will get involved in, we have provided a few "cans" and "cant's."

PTA CAN:

- Host a candidate's forum: all candidates appearing on the ballot for a given position must be invited to participate and given equal time to respond.
- Publish a candidate's questionnaire: all candidates must be given the opportunity to answer the questionnaire and responses must be printed exactly as written.
- Register voters: volunteers must register all eligible voters regardless of party affiliation or political views.
- Remind members to vote
- Educate candidates on issues important to PTA

PTA CAN'T:

- Invite only one candidate in an election to come speak to the PTA
- Tell PTA members to only vote for a candidate who supports a certain position

Primary Dance/Choreography Winner: Morgan Stratton, Rogers Park, Anchorage
Intermediate Dance/Choreography Winner: Grace Day, Rogers Park, Anchorage

Primary Musical Composition Winner: David Prentice, Rogers Park, Anchorage
Primary Musical Composition Honorable Mention: Brody Jessee, Rogers Park, Anch.
Intermediate Musical Composition Winner: Allison Haynes, Rogers Park, Anchorage
Intermediate Musical Composition Hon. Mention: Taylor Haines, Rogers Park, Anch.
Middle Musical Composition Winner: Hannah Halliday, Nikiski PTSA, Nikiski
Middle Musical Composition Honorable Mention: Richard Chen, Woodriver, Fairbanks
Senior Musical Composition Winner: Ryan Houlding, Ben Eielsen, Fairbanks

Primary Film/Video Winner: Kaden Caldarera, Rogers Park, Anchorage
Primary Film/Video Honorable Mention: Jack Green, Rogers Park, Anchorage
Intermediate Film/Video Winner: Jenna Hansen, Nikiski North Star, Nikiski
Intermediate Film/Video Honorable Mention: Sandra Smith, Rogers Park, Anchorage
Middle Film/Music Winner: Gordon Gunn, Woodriver, Fairbanks

Health & Safety

Health & Safety Resources from the Alaska Department of Education

The State Department of Education has created a supplementary reading/health program to encourage teachers throughout the state to use children's books as a starting point for important discussions about health-related topics. The Department has willingly shared their ideas with Alaska PTA so we could make those book titles and discussion ideas available to parents. These books can help you initiate important health and wellness-related discussions with your children at home. As you look through the books on these reading lists, you might find some that will address a wellness-related topic you'd like to discuss with your children. Each book list addresses a specific grade-level age group, but you may find books from other levels that fit your family's discussion needs. The lists give a synopsis of each book and end with a spreadsheet that gives each book title and the health topics it could address. Most of the books should be available in your school or local libraries. **Please note: Alaska PTA is not promoting these books; we are providing a resource for you to preview and use at your discretion, based on the needs, values, and interests of your family.**

Visit our website www.alaskapta.org to view the reading lists.

Get Up, Get Moving, Get Active!!

Governor Palin is challenging all Alaskans to be more active by logging on to the President's Challenge. Join the Alaska PTA group in getting active! Encourage your school community to join as well. Go to:

www.presidentschallenge.org

The Alaska PTA group number is 69976 and the group name is Alaska PTA. It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Sign up today! We will send updates as to how many are in the Alaska PTA group and how active we are. As of this morning, we already have 5 members registered who have earned 2,017 points through their activity. Let's put Alaska on the map and get our families up and moving!

If you have questions, contact programs@alaskapta.org

Legislative

Alaska PTA has now come back from its Juneau-Fly-In day. What a success it was. Yet we wonder why more of you do not come? We wonder if it is that you just do not know what it is that can come out of these meetings. For a very quick overview of what Legislative work and Advocacy work is, the following has been developed to better increase all of our understanding.

Advocacy or Legislative works, what are the differences between these two actions? To understand how these two entities work together we must begin by understanding what Legislative work is and what Advocacy work is.

Let us begin by defining each word.

Legislative:
1. Of or relating to the enactment of laws.
2. Resulting from or decided by legislation.
3. Having the power to create laws; intended to legislate.

- Distribute any campaign materials on behalf of a candidate
- Wear campaign buttons or t-shirts during a PTA meeting

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: If I'm a PTA President, am I allowed to make any political contributions?

A: Yes. As a citizen, you can make political contributions. It is important to make it clear that the donation is coming from you as an individual and not the PTA.

Q: Can our PTA take a position on a local ballot measure or levy?

A: Yes. It is considered direct lobbying because the voters are the decision makers. It is important to remember that working on a ballot measure will count as lobby activities and is subject to IRS non-profit lobbying rules.

Ask your state PTA about any state laws that may apply. For more information about what PTAs can and can't do around elections, here are some helpful links:

Alliance for Justice Non-Profit Advocacy Resources: http://www.afj.org/for-nonprofits-foundations/

Center for Non-Profit Management: http://www.cnm.org/

Internal Revenue Service: http://www.irs.gov/

www.pta.org: The ***PTA Grassroots Advocacy Toolkit*** is now available online at to give you simple answers on your advocacy and lobbying questions.

One of the tools National PTA Provides to help you advocate for your children and schools is an easy online e-learning course, ***Effective Advocacy for Your Child.***

What's the Difference Between "PTA" and "PTO Today"?

One common question PTA leaders are asked is, "What's the difference between PTA and PTO Today?" Below is a list of replies you can give. Item 1 is most important, so use that if you only have a little time. Use more when speaking or making presentations to interested non-PTA parent or community groups.

1. In a nutshell, PTO Today, which appears to position itself as a national affiliation organization, is a *for-profit business* that sells information through a magazine and web site. Whether or not they pay PTO Today a single dime, non-PTA parent groups are *not* part of a larger organization.

2. Most state PTAs (though not all) offer automatic not-for-profit and tax exemption to their local units. PTO Today can not do this. All non-PTA parent groups must apply for this status themselves if they want the benefits of not-for-profit status. The current fee for filing for not-for-profit status with the IRS is $750.

3. The money that goes to PTA is not money taken away from the schools. It is put back into

4. Of or relating to a legislature.

Advocacy:

1. The profession or work of an advocate
2. The action of advocating, pleading for, or supporting a cause or proposal

In short summary, the Legislative committee may develop great ideas, new language for legislation that our local, state, or federal legislative body may not want to hear. So how do we get them to consider a new option or to see our point of view? This is where Advocacy comes in and plays a vital role, for tracking and developing and seeing how laws are being interpreted is more than a full time job, by the legislative committee. Thus we have developed another committee that focuses on advocating for these changes, and developing in all PTA's a voice that can advocate on issues at the state level. This will require meetings at the state level with all those who have control over the issues: i.e. Legislatures, Committees & Task Force members, Commissioners, Governor, Federal representatives etc. Advocates need to understand all sides of the issue and will need to have conversations with local administrators, teachers, principals and parents throughout our state to better understand how laws and/or proposed laws are/or may affect them. This information is then fed back to the Legislative Committee so that if needed language changes need to be made to better suite the needs of all who will be affected by those laws, then the legislative committee can do this. The changes are then returned back to the Advocacy group to enact the action of advocating, pleading for, or supporting a cause or proposal.

Each of these committees has room for additional individuals to join. Ideally every PTA should have one individual who would participate on these committees. Please contact the Alaska PTA if you are interested in either of these committees.

Senator Murkowski Receives PTA Award

WASHINGTON, DC (February 28, 2008) –Today, PTA honored two of our country's leaders, great child advocates, and champions of education. PTA presented its first-ever PTA Congressional Voice for Children Award to U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and U.S. Congressman James E. Clyburn (D-SC).

The presentation took place this afternoon at Capitol Hill at a special awards luncheon filled with hundreds of PTA state presidents and legislative leaders during PTA's National Legislative Conference in Washington, DC.

Senator Murkowski was honored for her dedication to a number of efforts that benefit children and education. As a member of the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee Murkowski acted as the sponsor of the Child Nutrition Promotion and School Lunch Protection Act, helped pass the College Cost Reduction Act of 2007, and is currently working on reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act.

"As a mother, former PTA President and Senator I am honored to receive this award and remain committed to ensuring that schools across the nation are strong, healthy places for our children to learn and grow," said Senator Murkowski. "I have been fighting for updated nutritional standards in schools because it is imperative that we teach our children healthy eating habits while they are young. I will also continue to work toward increased parent involvement in the reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act, because as parents, nobody knows our kids better than us and nobody has a greater ability to ensure their success than us."

"By fighting to make higher education more accessible and confronting threats to our kids' health and nutrition, she has proven to be a truly powerful voice for children," said Jan Harp Domene, PTA national president. "Incidentally, we're proud to note that before she became the first Alaskan born senator to serve the state, Senator Murkowski got her start in public service as PTA president at her son's school.

PTA National President's Message

Our Members, Our Leaders-in-Training

You don't have to be PTA national president to see the passion of this organization's members. I knew long before I took office that it was our membership's commitment to children which has propelled PTA forward for over a century. But an organization doesn't thrive for 112 years on enthusiasm alone. Membership has enabled PTA to grow for generations because they are inspired and because they want to inspire others—that's how our membership becomes our leadership.

Nurturing our emerging leaders is important not only for the seamless operation of units from term to term, but it's also the means by which PTA remains relevant to the evolving masses that make up our nation's school communities. Developing leaders from within our membership ensures that our organization has a constant influx of new ideas worthy of the PTA mission.

the organization to provide services and resources to members so that they can be more effective at helping their children and schools. PTO Today is a privately owned company with $2.6 million in revenue in 2004 (*Boston Business Journal*, April 18, 2005). Its owner benefits from the profits from the services his company provides.

4. State PTAs are made up of trained and passionate volunteers who have led local units. They provide personal support to local units and assist with legislative issues, training, tax changes, and many other items that *specifically* affect PTAs. PTO Today does not have people in the field and provides no such support.

5. PTA is an extremely well-recognized organization that has worked to make significant, positive changes for all children, including school breakfast and lunch programs, nationwide polio vaccinations, and most recently, parent involvement standards in the federal act known as No Child Left Behind. PTO Today isn't and hasn't.

6. The portion of dues local PTAs send to state and national PTA is low (only $1.75 to national and a few dollars to state), but the return on investment is very high. PTO Today claims to be cheap - but you get what you pay for. (See number 7 below.)

7. PTA's growing list of resources currently includes 18 comprehensive campaigns and programs; 5 national award recognitions; 1 annual convention (and 1 state convention in each state); dozens of print publications, including *Our Children* magazine; a resource-filled web site; 8 national print and e-newsletters, as well as state newsletters and web sites; 10 e-learning courses; live workshops; and member discounts at popular retailers. PTO Today offers are much more limited and narrower in scope.

8. PTA welcomes and works with *all* people interested in children and education, as well as a wide variety of national, not-for-profit groups and non-PTA parent groups to ensure that each child has a good start in life. PTO Today has no such reach.

9. PTA's loss of membership - touted by PTO Today as proof PTA doesn't work - reflects losses across the *entire* not-for-profit world, as the pace of life and time for volunteering for any organization has decreased for everyone. PTA is nearly 6 million members strong - still a formidable advocate working successfully for children, families, and education.

It's never too early or too late to begin developing the next generation of PTA leaders. Newly elected PTA presidents can begin cultivating successors right away. By identifying several promising candidates and assigning roles or tasks which give them an opportunity to show their leadership potential, the entire unit can see who rises to the challenge. It is important not to favor any one candidate over another, however; there should always be a democratic process, rather than an "anointing," for choosing our new leaders.

Current leaders late in their terms can help develop leaders, too. Any time a PTA president has a meeting—with a school board member, state PTA leader, or potential community partner—that's a chance for an emerging leader to make new contacts or personally witness new, higher-level strategies.

Connect with the future of PTA: develop new leaders in your unit today! The destiny of a great organization is truly in your hands.

Jan Harp Domene
PTA National President

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Does anyone care about state rights anymore? They are not only Federalizing, but in fact Corporatizing our nation. Where it the ever loving outrage on the parts of the States???

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Carlyle Group May Buy Major CIA Contractor: Booz Allen Hamilton (CorpWatch)
The Carlyle Group, one of the world's largest private equity funds, may soon acquire the $2 billion government contracting business of consulting giant Booz Allen Hamilton, one of the biggest suppliers of technology and personnel to the U.S. government's spy agencies. Carlyle manages more than $75 billion in assets and has bought and sold a long string of military contractors since the early 1990s. But in recent years it has significantly reduced its investments in that industry. If it goes ahead with the widely reported plan to buy Booz Allen, it will re-emerge as the owner of one of America's largest private intelligence armies.

Reports of a potential Carlyle acquisition of Booz Allen's government unit began circulating among U.S. military contractors in December 2007, after Booz Allen's senior partners and board members - a group of 300 vice presidents who own the privately-held firm - gathered at company headquarters in McLean, Virginia, for an extraordinary two-day meeting.

According to a December 15 letter to Booz Allen employees from CEO Ralph W. Shrader that was released by the firm, the vice presidents signed off on a "new strategic direction" that would involve separating the company's commercial and government units and operating them as separate companies. That was widely seen, both inside and outside the company, as a sign that a sale of one or both of the units was imminent. Shrader said the company hoped to come to a resolution of the issues involved by March 31, 2008.

In January 2008, major newspapers - each quoting unnamed people close to the situation - reported that discussions between Booz Allen and Carlyle about the sale of the government unit were underway. According to the Wall Street Journal, the deal will be "centered on Booz Allen's influence in defense and intelligence contracting. If an agreement is reached the sale price will likely be around $2 billion."

Christopher Ullman, Carlyle's chief spokesman, could neither confirm nor deny that a deal was in the works, and declined to comment to CorpWatch about the reports. Because of Carlyle's long experience in the defense sector, he added, such companies "would be a priority for us when the price is right and it's the right fit for us." George Farrar, a Booz Allen spokesman, said his company "has refused to discuss particulars of any ongoing discussions" and would not comment beyond what Shrader wrote in his December 15 missive to Booz Allen's workforce.

Who is Booz Allen Hamilton?

In 2006, Booz Allen Hamilton, a privately held company based in McLean, Virginia, had a global staff of 18,000 and annual revenues of $3.7 billion. Its work for U.S. government agencies accounts for more than 50 percent of its business. Notably Booz Allen is a key adviser and prime contractor to all of the

major U.S. intelligence agencies - the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), the National Security Agency (NSA), and - as well as the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the National Counterterrorism Center, the Department of Defense and most of the Pentagon's combatant commands.

On its website, Booz Allen describes its intelligence work as part of its broader expertise in information technology. "Whether dealing with homeland security, peacekeeping operations, or the battlefield, success depend on the ability to collect, safeguard, store, distribute, fuse, and share information - on getting the right information to the right place at the right time," it says. "Our security professionals work in partnership with clients to develop capabilities ... for protecting information and networks against cyber and physical threats."

That has not always been the case: Booz Allen Hamilton was founded as a management consultancy in 1914 in Chicago by three businessmen whose surnames gave the firm its name. In 1940, after more than three decades of giving advice to top ranking companies in America's manufacturing and service economy, such as Montgomery Ward, Goodyear Tire and the Illinois State Railroad, Booz Allen started working for the U.S. military, where its clients included the Army, the Navy, and, after the war, the Air Force and the Pentagon.

Its initial contracts with the Navy in 1940 set the pace for its military work: as a management consultant, Booz Allen helped the Navy restructure for World War II and permeated its ranks with contractors ("Each Navy bureau had a Booz rep," Investors Daily reported in a 2005 profile of the firm). That relationship served as a template for Booz Allen's later work in intelligence and national security where its personnel worked inside government agencies alongside public employees.

Since the late-1990s, Booz Allen has forged a particularly close relationship with the NSA, the spy agency that monitors global telephone, e-mail and Internet traffic for the U.S. military and political leaders, which hired Booz Allen as its chief outside consultant on Project Groundbreaker. This $4 billion project outsourced the NSA's internal communications and networking systems to a consortium led by Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) and the IT subsidiary of Northrop Grumman.

Today, among the many services Booz Allen provides to intelligence agencies, according to its Website, are war-gaming - simulated drills in which military and intelligence officials test their response to potential threats like terrorist attacks - as well as data-mining and analysis of imagery and intelligence picked up by U.S. spy satellites, the design of cryptographic, or code-breaking, systems (an NSA specialty) and "outsourcing/privatization strategy and planning." The company's 2007 annual report spells out several other areas of expertise, including "all source analysis," an intelligence specialty managed by the CIA and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) that draws on public sources of information, such as foreign newspapers and textbooks, to add texture to data gathered by spies and electronic surveillance.

According to the company's annual report, Booz Allen is also working on one of the most important spy initiatives launched in recent years: the Cryptographic Modernization Program. Air Force General John C. Koziol, the commander of the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency, described this program as an attempt to combine a variety of intelligence technologies to pick up tell-tale signs of chemicals and other substances - into a single electronic package that can be used by combat and special operations commanders to track the enemy.

Booz Allen is a full partner in the project, according to General Koziol, an idea that has been "fully endorsed" by the Director of National Intelligence Michael McConnell, the nation's spy chief - himself a Booz Allen alumnus.

Revolving Door

To carry out its tasks at the intellige agencie Booz Allen has

hired a dazzling array of former national security officials and foot-soldiers. In 2002, Information Week reported that Booz Allen had more than 1,000 former intelligence officers on its payroll. In 2007, as this reporter was researching a chapter about Booz Allen for his forthcoming book, he asked the company if it could confirm that number or provide a more accurate one, and received an e-mail reply from spokesman George Farrar: "It is certainly possible, but as a privately held corporation we consider that information to be proprietary and do not disclose."

Buried deep on the company's Web site, however, a much larger number is confirmed in an explanation of a Booz Allen information technology contract with the DIA, which carries out intelligence for the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Office of the Secretary of Defense. It stated that the Booz Allen team "employs more than 10,000 TS/SCI cleared personnel." TS/SCI stands for top secret-sensitive compartmented intelligence, one of the highest possible security ratings, which would make Booz Allen one of the largest employers of cleared personnel in the United States.

Many of these former intelligence officers at Booz Allen, do the same jobs as they did for the government. For example, Keith Hall, a Booz Allen vice president initially worked in Army intelligence and on one of the congressional intelligence committees. In the early 1990s, he was hired by the CIA to manage budgets and policy development for then-Director of Central Intelligence Robert Gates. During that time, he played an instrumental role in creating the National Imagery and Mapping Agency, which was later renamed the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. During the Clinton administration, Hall was named Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for space programs and, simultaneously, director of the NRO, the agency that manages the nation's military satellite program.

Now, as a Booz Allen executive, Hall leads a "strategic intelligence initiative" that integrates the company's extensive contracting activities for the NRO and the NGA. Recently, one of his most important tasks involved chairing a 2005 homeland security study group that recommended a major expansion of information and data-sharing between U.S. spy agencies that work outside the country and domestic law enforcement, like the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). "The study's findings have become a road map for the government in making decisions related to critical information sharing in support of homeland security," Booz Allen boasts in its 2007 annual report. (See our article, Domestic Spying, Inc.)

Other key executives who came to Booz Allen from the spy agencies include R. James Woolsey, the former director of the CIA, who was hired in 2003 to run Booz Allen's "global resilience" division, which advises corporations on security issues, and Joan A. Dempsey, a career U.S. intelligence official and a former top aide to former CIA Director George Tenet, who was hired in 2005 as a Booz Allen vice pr other key intelligence agencies.

It is these senior managers who would most likely benefit from a sale to Carlyle.

Unlike many of its competitors in the intelligence industry, Booz Allen is a privately held company whose shares are owned by its 300 vice presidents of whom "approximately 80 are in government support," Booz Allen's Farrar told CorpWatch. For these vice presidents, Carlyle's infusion of capital, and its $2 billion buyout of their shares, will make them very rich men and women indeed. After all, $2 billion divided by 80 is $25 million; even if Booz Allen's shares were divided equally, which is unlikely, that's an astounding windfall for any executive.

Booz Allen CEO Ralph Shrader

The man most responsible for Booz Allen's growth as an intelligence contractor is Ralph Shrader, who has been running the company as chairman and CEO since 1998. Shrader, an electrical engineer by training, came to Booz Allen in 1974 after serving at senior management levels of two prominent telecommunications companies - Western Union, where he was national director of advanced systems planning, and RCA, where he served in the company's government communications system division. These positions prepared him well for his later work at Booz Allen as a consultant to the telecommunications industry. According to his official biography, he "led major assignments" for the industry as a Booz Allen consultant and was deeply involved in the company's "landmark work for AT&T" when that company was broken up by the government.

In those assignments, Shrader may have been exposed to the telecommunications industry's close ties to U.S. intelligence. During the years he worked for Western Union and RCA, those companies, along with ITT World Communications, were part of a secret surveillance program known as Minaret in which telecommunication companies, with the concurrence of a handful of high-ranking executives, handed over to the NSA information

on all incoming and outgoing U.S. telephone calls and telegrams - an early version of the NSA's warrantless surveillance program launched by the Bush administration after the September 11th attacks. Minaret, and the involvement of the private companies in NSA spying, was exposed by the congressional committees investigating intelligence abuse in the mid-1970s, and was the inspiration behind the 1978 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), which set the rules - including the important requirement for warrants - for domestic surveillance of telephone traffic.

None of this is alluded to in Booz Allen's official literature, of course; but Shrader, upon his appointment as CEO in 1998, mentioned in a rare press interview (with the Financial Times) that the most relevant background for his new position of chief executive was his experience working for telecommunications clients and doing classified military work for the U.S. government - "something of a Booz specialty," the FT pointed out.

Booz Allen adds on its website that Shrader, as CEO, has also "led important programs for the U.S. National Communications System and the Defense Information Systems Agency," two of the most important classified intelligence networks in use by the federal government. Under Shrader, Booz Allen also became the NSA's most important outside consultant, culminating in its advisory role in Project Groundbreaker. That project, which awarded its first contracts in the summer of 2001, put Booz Allen in a prime position to capture NSA and other intelligence work in the aftermath of the September 11th attacks, when intelligence budgets, and NSA surveillance, increased substantially.

"War on Terror" Contracts

After September 11th, 2001, by Booz Allen's own account, the firm helped the government reshape its spying capabilities to match the new era of counterinsurgencies and terrorist threats. "The nature of intelligence changed dramatically in the wake of 9/11," Christopher Ling, a Booz Allen vice president, explains in the company's most recent annual report. "An entire analytic production system geared to detect large-scale cold war adversarial capabilities was suddenly required to transform." At Booz Allen, he added, "We are finding innovative ways to integrate intelligence and operations, enabled by advanced visualization and data management capabilities, which has allowed us to pioneer tactics, techniques, and procedures."

In addition to serving as a prime contractor on Admiral John Poindexter's controversial Total Information Awareness project, Booz Allen was active on both the military and economic fronts on the "war on terror." For the Pentagon, it helped develop the "blue force" tracking system that allows soldiers and commanders in Iraq and other battlegrounds the ability to electronically identify friendly troops. And in the weeks leading up to the invasion of Iraq, Booz Allen sponsored and organized several conferences aimed at helping U.S. corporations secure contracts in occupied Baghdad, with former CIA director Woolsey, one of the most ardent backers of the war, as a keynote speaker.

Under Shrader's leadership, Booz Allen played an instrumental role after September 11th in proselytizing for a greater corporate role in national and homeland security. This was important, the Booz Allen CEO said at a CEO summit he organized in 2002, because "business leaders cannot opt out of geopolitics and leave the job of security solely to government and the military."

Deepening the corporate alliance with the Bush administration and its war on terror also had significant advantages for Booz Allen and its fellow corporations: on one hand, it drastically increased their contracts with military and intelligence agencies; and on the other, homeland security provided a convenient excuse for reducing government oversight and regulation. These dual interests were spelled out in unusual detail in 2004 by Richard Wilhelm, a former CIA and NSA officer who once served as national security adviser to former Vice President Al Gore and now leads Booz Allen's business with the CIA and the Office of the DNI.

Speaking to a conference on information-sharing and counterterrorism, Wilhelm explained that the "right mix of policies" for business should include a wide range of "incentives" and "cooperative arrangements," including "appropriate protections from Freedom of Information Act requirements and other unintended consequences of more open information sharing." Government, he argued, should "help make the business case, and then sweeten it - because industry will share information when there is a business case to do so." In other words, corporations were happy to participate in the exchange of information about terrorism and other security threats, but only if there were enough rewards. And for Booz Allen, those rewards have been sweet indeed, as a short list of their recent unclassified contracts attests. They include:

- A $6.3 million contract to provide research on 3-D facial recognition biometric software for the Information Assurance Technical Analysis Center at Offut Air Force Base in Nebraska, awarded in 2008.

- A $48 million contract with the U.S. Air Force to conduct research on "survivability and lethality implications" of an Air Force vehicle program, awarded in 2008.

- In a partnership with CACI International, EDS, Lockheed Martin, SAIC and SRA, the right to bid on $12.2 billion worth of contracts for telecom and IT services for the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA), awarded in 2007.

- Participation in a consortium of seven companies that will bid on up to $20 billion worth of work in Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance - a mouthful of a term usually referred to as C4ISR - for the Army's Communications Electronics Command, which is based in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, awarded in 2006.

- A five-year, $25o million contract to provide "systems engineering technical assistance" to the Science and Technology Directorate of the Department of Homeland Security, signed in 2005.

Little Congressional Scrutiny?

In spite of its tremendous power as a contractor, Booz Allen has received very little criticism or even scrutiny from the U.S. Congress. In January 2007, the Senate had a rare opportunity to inquire about the company when it held hearings on Michael McConnell's nomination as Director of National Intelligence (see box). Prior to the hearing, several senators said they would question McConnell about Booz Allen's role as a contractor; but the hearing was a desultory affair, and few questions were asked of the new DNI about the high level of contracting among the spy agencies or the specific role of Booz Allen.

A month later, a Booz Allen contract with the Department of Homeland Security came under close scrutiny in the House. In February 2007, Henry Waxman, a Democratic Congressman from California, the chairman of the House Committee on Government Oversight and Reform, charged that Booz Allen had a significant conflict of interest over its contract to oversee an $8 billion contract with the DHS Secure Border Initiative known as SBI-Net. Under the contract, Boeing and other companies will build a "virtual fence" of cameras, radar and sensors that will transmit imagery and data to border patrol agents working along the U.S. borders with Canada and Mexico. (See CorpWatch's "Fencing the Border".)

The conflict arose, said Waxman, because Booz Allen had long-standing business partnerships with Boeing, the prime contractor for SBI-Net, and could therefore not provide objective oversight of the program. At the hearing, Waxman pointed out to DHS officials that they had hired 98 people to oversee the SBI-Net contract. "But the problem is that 65 of these people don't work for the government. They work for the contractor," he said. "You're relying on them to do the function that a government ordinarily would do." DHS officials responded that Booz Allen had been hired for advice, not for oversight.

Waxman's criticism could be made of a myriad of contracts Booz Allen holds with intelligence agencies. At the NSA, for example, it has advised the agency about several contracts that involve companies that Booz Allen has close business ties with. That is also true at the NRO, the NGA and the CIA. So far, however, no reports of conflicts of interest have emerged from Congress, which in any case exercises little oversight over intelligence contracts.

In another damaging report issued in 2007, the General Accounting Office, the audit arm of the U.S. Congress, found that the Department of Homeland Security was spending nearly $16 billion a year on goods and services from the private sector, making it the third-largest employer of contractors in the federal government. Among the beneficiaries of DHS' spending was Booz Allen Hamilton, which in 2006 was awarded a $43 million no-bid contract to provide services to the DHS intelligence unit. Upon reading the $16 billion DHS figures in the GAO report, Joseph Lieberman, an independent U.S. senator from Connecticut, angrily commented: "plainly put, we need to know who is in charge at DHS - its managers and workers, or the contractors."

The Washington Post later found that Booz Allen's no-bid intelligence contract with DHS had ballooned in value from $2 million in 2003 to over $30 million in 2006 - 15 times its original value. When DHS lawyers first examined the Booz Allen deal, the Post said, they found it was "grossly beyond the scope" of the original

contract and had violated government procurement rules. An open competition was ordered by DHS lawyers, but delayed for a year. During that time, the Post said, "the payments to Booz Allen more than doubled again under a second no-bid arrangement, to $73 million."

Union Protests

So far, the only public criticism of the potential Carlyle-Booz Allen deal has come from the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), one of the country's largest labor unions. Last year, the union launched a blistering attack on Carlyle and the private equity industry in a widely distributed report called "Behind the Buyouts: Inside the World of Private Equity." The gist of the report was that Carlyle, Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts (KKR) and other large private equity funds were undermining the U.S. economy by avoiding taxes and creating "harsh consequences," such as layoffs, for workers and communities. In late 2007, when Carlyle acquired the assets of Manor Care, a chain of nursing homes where the SEIU is trying to organize workers, the union stepped up its campaign.

In January 2008, after rumors of a Carlyle takeover of Booz Allen surfaced in the press, SEIU issued a blistering press release denouncing the potential deal. The union's criticism of the proposed acquisition didn't focus on Booz Allen's role in intelligence outsourcing but on Carlyle's ties with the Mubadala Development fund of the Government of Abu Dhabi. In 2007, that fund paid $1.35 billion to buy a 7.5 percent ownership stake in Carlyle's general partnership.

As a result of that investment, the SEIU charged, Carlyle was risking national security. "The potential for a Carlyle Group-Booz Allen buyout demands urgency on the part of lawmakers and regulators to examine the risks faced by the U.S. when foreign governments potentially have access to classified and other sensitive national security information through their stake in U.S. companies," the union declared in a press release. In an interview with CorpWatch, Stephen Lerner, the director of SEIU's Private Equity Project, said the union launched this nationalist campaign out of concern that classified information from Booz Allen could leak into the hands of the Abu Dhabi fund, thus compromising U.S. security interests.

"When you combine buyout firms, which have much less reporting requirements because they are private, with opaque sovereign wealth funds, you get a toxic stew of secrecy," he said. Asked how or why Booz Allen executives might leak classified information to a foreign government, he replied: "The point is, you have no way of knowing if they would or wouldn't." He added that, while the SEIU has not taken a position on Booz Allen's extensive role in intelligence outsourcing, the issue of "government jobs being done by private contractors" might emerge in the future for the union.

(The SEIU does not mention in its material that the California Public Employees Retirement System, the pension fund for California state retirees where the SEIU has significant influence, owns five percent of the Carlyle Group.)

Carlyle's Ullman, who recently discussed the union campaign with SEIU president Andrew Stern during a conference on private equity, rejected the SEIU's claims. The charges that the Abu Dhabi investment could jeopardize national security "is really an obscene allegation," he said. Ullman added that the Abu Dhabi fund was a "passive investor" in Carlyle and would have no role in the management of Carlyle companies. "Carlyle's portfolio companies have a pristine track record in handling sensitive government data," he said. "Giving top secret and classified data to foreign governments is known as treason, and is punishable by jail and worse. That would be a fairly strong impediment" to leaks.

In any case, there is virtually no evidence to suggest that any US intelligence contractor has leaked classified information, and it's unlikely the union's allegations will be a factor if the Carlyle Group does decide to acquire Booz Allen Hamilton.

Shadow Intelligence Agency

Booz Allen prides itself on the long-term personal relationships it has forged between its personnel and their government clients. "We stay for a lifetime," Mark J. Gerencser, the senior vice president in charge of Booz Allen's government contracting division, remarked in 2006. A quick study of their biographies posted on Booz Allen's Website suggests that this is indeed true - the senior management have shuttled back and forth between the company and the government for their entire lives.

As the director of Booz Allen's U.S. government business, for example, Gerencser serves in "several broad-based roles," including "representing industry" to the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, which manage the Pentagon's vast intelligence operations. He is also a member of Booz Allen's leadership team that sets the strategic direction of the company, and has run many of the war games staged by Booz Allen for its government clients.

Just below him in the company's intelligence hierarchy is Ken Wiegand, another senior vice president. Weigand came to Booz Allen in 1983 after working for a decade in Air Force intelligence, and now leads the firm's work for national intelligence and law enforcement agencies and the Department of Homeland Security. His specialty, the Website says, includes imagery intelligence operations, which are managed by the NGA, one of Booz Allen's most important clients.

Senior vice president Joseph W. Mahaffee, a veteran of naval intelligence, is the leader of Booz Allen's Maryland procurement office business, which puts him in charge of the company's contracts with the NSA in Fort Meade. He focuses on "meeting the Information Assurance mission objectives" of the NSA with various technology services, including systems engineering, software development and "advanced telecommunications analysis."

Another key Booz Allen figure at the NSA is Marty Hill, who came to the company after a 35-year career in signals intelligence and electronic warfare and previously served as an expert on "information operations capabilities and policy" for Donald Rumsfeld's Pentagon. He leads of team of 1,200 professionals engaged in all aspects of "signals intelligence" including technical analysis, systems development and operations.

Vice President Pamela Lentz is a former cryptology officer with the Navy and once worked as a program manager for TRW, one of the nation's oldest intelligence contractors (it is now owned by Northrop Grumman). She is Booz Allen's "client service officer" for the DIA and other military intelligence markets, which includes intelligence units within the Navy, Air Force, Army, the unified combatant commands and the undersecretary of defense for intelligence. Among other tasks, Lentz manages a 120-person Booz Allen team that supports the NRO, the Pentagon agency that manages the nation's military spy satellites. She also runs a task force that supports human intelligence collection efforts at the DIA.

Vice President Laurene Gallo, a former intelligence analyst at the NSA, leads a Booz Allen "intelligence research and analysis" team that support several agencies, including the CIA, the DNI and the National Counterterrorism Center. Vice President Richard Wilhelm, whose job at Booz Allen is to work with the CIA and the ODNI, came to the company after a long career in U.S. intelligence that included stints directing the Joint Intelligence Center for Iraq during Operation Desert Storm and the NSA's first director of information warfare.

Vice President William Wansley, a former Army intelligence officer, leads a team of experts in "strategic and business planning" who support the CIA's National Clandestine Service, the part of the CIA that conducts covert operations and recruits foreign spies, as well as the DNI. Another vice president Robert W. Noonan, a retired Army lieutenant general who once served as the Army's deputy chief of staff for intelligence and the commanding general of the U.S. Army's Intelligence and Security Command, is in charge of expanding Booz Allen's military intelligence business within all the armed services, the combatant commands, the DIA and the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

It is each of these vice presidents who are poised to personally profit from a corporate takeover by the Carlyle Group.

Who is the Carlyle Group?

The Carlyle Group is a private equity fund - a group of financial advisers that invests large sums of money from pension funds, large corporations, wealthy individuals and foreign banks into privately held companies in many different industries, and then run those companies until the market is right to sell them at a substantial profit. During the early years of the George W. Bush administration, it gained attention - and some notoriety - because of the large number of former high-ranking political figures it had attracted as advisers and managers. They included former President George H.W. Bush, former Secretary of State James Baker and former British Prime Minister John Major.

Shortly after the September 11, 2001, attacks on New York and Washington, Carlyle was in the news again when newspapers revealed that Osama Bin Laden's family in Saudi Arabia - which owns one of the world's

largest construction companies - held a stake in the fund. The stake was quickly liquidated after the news broke.

Until the recent slowdown in the financial markets, the private equity industry, with over $160 billion under its control, was widely seen as one of the most important drivers of the global economy, pumping venture capital into high-tech startups and buy-out capital into corporate reorganizations worldwide. They are extremely active in Britain, where more than 20 percent of the private sector workforce is employed by companies that are, or have been, the targets of private equity investments. Business magazines credit them with breaking up some of America's worst-run conglomerates and bringing competition to Japan's highly regulated and incestuous banking industry.

"Private equity funds now wield much of the transformational power at the heart of the capitalist system," The Economist magazine recently observed. In addition to Carlyle, which has more than $75 billion under management, industry leaders include the Blackstone Group ($30 billion), Bain Capital ($27 billion), Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts & Co. ($26 billion) and Texas Pacific Group ($20 billion).

Carlyle, the largest of the funds, is best-known for owning large military contractors and aerospace contractors, such as United Defense Industries, the maker of the Bradley Fighting Vehicle and other weapons systems, which it sold to BAE Systems in 2004, and Vought Aircraft Industries, a major producer of structural assemblies for commercial, military and business aircraft, which it still holds. Other military contractors that have gone through Carlyle's hands include EG&G, LTV Aerospace and Magnavox Electronic Systems.

During the 1990s, when it made most of these acquisitions, the fund was led by former Secretary of Defense Frank Carlucci, who served during the Carter administration as deputy director of the CIA. During his tenure, Carlyle bought and sold nearly a dozen companies active in the intelligence industry. They include BDM International, an influential company that, during the 1990s, provided some of the U.S. Army's first contract interpreters and, through a subsidiary known as Vinnell Corporation, once trained the Saudi National Guard. It was eventually sold to Northrop Grumman and is now part of that company's huge intelligence division.

U.S. Investigative Service, which Carlyle bought in 1996 and sold in 2007, is the largest provider of security investigations for employees and contractors hired by the Pentagon, the National Security Agency and other agencies, and in recent months has been training Iraqi police commandoes under contract to the Pentagon. (See CorpWatch coverage of USIS.)

Another spectacular acquisition was QinetiQ, the privatized arm of Britain's military research corporation. It was acquired by Carlyle in 2003, sold in 2007, and recently emerged as one of the premiere U.S. intelligence contractors - after netting a $470 million profit for Carlyle. (See our article "QinetiQ goes Kinetic".)

Carlyle, however, has divested itself of most of its military holdings. "In our current U.S. portfolio, there's none," Carlyle's Ullman told CorpWatch. Today, most of its investments are concentrated in commercial industries, such as real estate and banking. During a few months' span in 2006, for instance, Carlyle did a "manufacturing deal, an education deal, a consumer products deal, and buildings deal, and a financial services deal," according to an account in the Washingtonian magazine. Its holdings are extensive and pervasive: every time you rent a car from Hertz, catch a quick breakfast at Dunkin' Donuts or get ice-cream at Baskin-Robbins, you're sending money to Carlyle.

A $2 billion acquisition of Booz Allen's contracting business would therefore put Carlyle back in the big leagues of military contractors.

Michael McConnell

Booz Allen Hamilton's most illustrious alumnus is Michael McConnell, the current Director of National Intelligence, the top spy job in the country, who epitomizes the term revolving door, spinning from government job to industry and back again.

McConnell was a senior Pentagon official during George Bush Senior's administration and the first Gulf War, where he worked for Dick Cheney, then the Secretary of Defense, as the chief intelligence adviser to General Colin Powell, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Cheney was so impressed with McConnell's work during the war that he appointed him to head the NSA in 1993 (he later intervened personally to convince McConnell to take the DNI job in 2007).

McConnell subsequently spent more than 10 years as a Booz Allen senior vice president in charge of the company's extensive contracts in military intelligence and information operations for the Pentagon. In that job, his official biography states, McConnell provided intelligence support to "the U.S. Unified Combatant Commanders, the Director of National Intelligence Agencies, and the Military Service Intelligence Directors." That made him a close colleague of not only Donald Rumsfeld, who ran the Pentagon from 2001 to 2007, but of Vice President Cheney, who has served President Bush as a kind of intelligence godfather since the earliest days of the administration.

As Booz Allen's chief intelligence liaison to the Pentagon, McConnell was at the center of action, both before and after the September 11 attacks. During the first six years of the Bush administration, Booz Allen's contracts with the U.S. government rose dramatically, from $626,000 in 2000 to $1.6 billion in 2006. McConnell and his staff at Booz Allen were deeply involved in some of the Bush administration's most controversial counterterrorism programs. They included the Pentagon's infamous Total Information Awareness data-mining scheme run by former Navy Admiral John Poindexter, which was an attempt to collect information on potential terrorists in America from phone records, credit card receipts and other databases. (Congress cancelled the program over civil liberties concerns, but much of the work was transferred to the NSA, where Booz Allen continued to receive the contracts.)

In 2002, when the CIA launched a financial intelligence project to track terrorist financing with the secret cooperation of SWIFT, the Brussels-based international banking consortium, Booz Allen won a contract to serve as an "outside" auditor of the project.

In January 2007, McConnell resigned from Booz Allen after he was appointed by President George W. Bush to his current job. He now oversees all 16 U.S. intelligence agencies, and thus much of Booz Allen's government business. (See this reporter's 2007 Salon article.)

Of Unions, Pension Funds and the Carlyle Group

The SEIU's campaign material on the Carlyle Group, including a 40-page white paper on private equity issued last year, fails to mention a salient fact: that many SEIU members are affiliated with a pension fund that holds a significant stake in the Carlyle Group.

That fund is the California Public Employees Retirement System, the world's largest public pension fund, often known as CalPERS. It has held a five percent stake in Carlyle's core management group since 2000, and therefore profits every time Carlyle makes money from one of its investments. Many of the California state officials who sit on CalPERS boards are also members of the SEIU, although they officially only represent their employer, not the union.

In 2001, this reporter attended a meeting of the CalPERS investment board where Carlyle's three founding managers appeared as witnesses. The public meeting took place at a time when Carlyle was a hot media topic because of its close ties to the Bush administration and its prominence as the nation's 11th largest military contractor. Several SEIU officials attended the meeting, and the questioning of Carlyle was led by a CalPERS official who belonged to the SEIU. However, the investment board didn't ask about Carlyle's military industry investments, and instead posed a single, softball question about Carlyle's views on the U.S. investment climate.

Asked why the SEIU hasn't mentioned CalPERS' stake in Carlyle in any of its literature, Stephen Lerner, the director of SEIU's Private Equity Project, replied that the union didn't start investigating the pension fund's role in Carlyle until 2007.

Until then, "we never really thought about CalPERS' investment in Carlyle," he said. "Now that we're digging in deeper, we're raising lots of questions." Under SEIU's initiative, a California lawmaker has introduced legislation that would prohibit CalPERS from investing in private equity funds owned in part by overseas funds from countries that don't "generally respect human rights." According to an SEIU handout, the legislation "is only applicable to private equity firms in which sovereign wealth funds have an ownership stake," such as Carlyle.

Carlyle's Ullman responded that the legislation could hurt the people it is supposed to protect. California lawmakers "should consider the detrimental impact on California pensioners who have benefited greatly from CalPERS' investment in, and ownership of, the Carlyle Group," he told CorpWatch.

Tim Shorrock's book on the outsourcing of US intelligence, Spies for Hire, will be published in May by Simon & Schuster.

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From: Kelly, Russell T (GOV) [russ.kelly@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 12:57 PM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV)
Cc: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: EDU Funding: new article

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http://newsminer.com/weblogs/capital-focus/2008/mar/25/how-much-money-will-schools-get/

How much money will schools get?

By Stefan Milkowski
Published Tuesday, March 25, 2008

Lawmakers are talking about adding money to K-12 education this year, but it's unclear how much and in what form, and therefore how much school districts will get.

Last week, Sen. Lyman Hoffman of Bethel talked about giving schools about $20 million as fuel grants. In 2007 (the last audited year), school districts spent about $62 million on fuel -- Hoffman figured the state could pick up a third of it. The money would be distributed based on actual spending on fuel, so bigger districts would get more dollars, but districts where fuel was a higher percent of the overall budget would fare relatively better.

Sen. Gary Wilken of Fairbanks pitched a different idea yesterday on the Senate floor -- bring back the school improvement grants that were doled out last year but dropped this year, also worth $20 million.

Each of the proposals can be compared to tacking another $100 onto the base student allocation, something Wilken, Gov. Sarah Palin, and others pushed for. That would have put another $22 million into K-12.

All three proposals affect different districts differently. Basically, the school improvement grants would be best for urban districts, followed by the BSA increase and then the fuel grants. Rural districts would benefit most from the fuel grants, then the BSA boost, then the improvement grants. (Implementing the ISER study for district cost factors, which accounts for higher fuel costs, is part of the new K-12 funding package, but it doesn't kick in for the next few years.)

There seems to be some disagreement on the issue among members of the Senate majority. At a news conference today, Senate President Lyda Green of Wasilla said they would probably dole out money on a per-student basis, as the BSA or improvement grants would. Sen. Bert Stedman of Sitka chimed in that they were still considering different proposals.

There's also another idea out there. Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux of Kodiak is sponsoring a bill that would cover 50 percent of districts' fuel costs for 2007 to 2009 – a more generous version of Hoffman's proposal. The bill has a hearing Thursday.
One key aspect of the proposals being considered now is that they would all be one-time deals, whereas the increase in the BSA would have given more money this year and every year after. The new K-12 funding package is stairstepped, with increases to the BSA of $100 for each of the next three years. But if lawmakers provide "one-time" grants worth the same as a $100 increase this year, school districts won't see any increase next year, which means they'll probably push for another "one-time" grant.
The subtext here is that Gov. Palin may have been right. She wanted to be fairly generous this year (on the scale of the various proposals), and argued that was the only way to get beyond the debate over funding and move into the debate over how best to teach Alaska's children. Lawmakers went with the cheaper version, and now school districts are saying they don't have enough money and lawmakers are debating how to get it to them. School districts still don't know how to write their budgets, and school funding risks once again becoming part of the end of the session deal-making.

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From: Kelly, Russell T (GOV) [russ.kelly@alaska.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 1:05 PM

To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV)

Subject: EDU Funding: another new blog article

FROM MCALLISTER'S BLOG:

Veto vetoed

Posted: March 25, 2008 11:57 AM

Apparently the governor blinked.

Legislative sources say that no deal was cut with Gov. Palin regarding the K-12 funding distribution bill, which on Thursday she threatened to veto. On Friday afternoon, the governor issued a news release saying that she would in fact sign the bill.

Legislative leaders said immediately on Thursday that they would override Palin's veto, something that hasn't happened since the Knowles administration. (Frank Murkowski always says the news media underplayed that part of his administration -- no veto overrides.) **The word is that House Speaker John Harris made this override inevitability clear to Palin, and she retreated.**

There was some suggestion that the forthcoming capital budget from the Senate would satisfy Palin's concern that the base student allocation would be raised only by $100 a year, rather than $200. **But I'm hearing that the additional funding rather will just ensure that the $100 is a real number,** offsetting the reductions that will come through the loss of school improvement grants.

Palin lost this one, but she cut her losses quickly, possibly minimizing the impact on the public.

Senate Finance Co-Chairs Lyman Hoffman and Bert Stedman say they're still checking to be sure, but it appears that Fiscal Year 2008 will go down as the biggest year in state history for both savings and revenue. The Senate has voted to put $4 billion in the Constitutional Budget Reserve and $1 billion in the heretofore-little-known Statutory Budget Reserve.

Hoffman says he's not sure if revenue in inflation-adjusted terms is the most ever. There were some fat years in the early 1980s.

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From: John Katz [jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 7:48 AM
To: Tom Irwin; Governor Sarah Palin
Cc: Joseph Balash; Mike Nizich; Michael Tibbles; Kris Perry; Sharon Leighow
Subject: State Selections/TAPS Corridor

The Bureau of Land Management has just published a public land order making 82,608 acres near Paxson available for conveyance to the State under the Alaska Statehood Act.

At least one Alaska reporter has inquired about the BLM decision and the relevant background. So, I wanted you to know.

The modification of PLO 5150 to recognize the State's previous selections is the product of a lengthy planning process initiated several years ago. The State originally asked the Secretary of the Interior to release most of the lands in the TAPS Corridor on the grounds that they are no longer needed for federal purposes. While the 82,608 acres is far less than the State originally sought, it does represent high priority acreage for DNR.

The BLM is unlikely to make additional lands within the TAPS Corridor south of the Yukon River available for State selection any time soon. However, it will commence a planning process to consider acreage north of the Yukon which the State also would like to receive.

By separate email, I have advised other people within the State administration of the BLM's decision.

Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is jwkatz@alaskadc.org. Thank you .

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From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=IJFRYE]

Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 2:04 PM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Frank Bailey

Subject: FW: HB 200 Workers' Comp Disease Presumption

You may already know this, Privileged or Personal Material Redacted regarding presumption of a workers comp claim for disability as a result of disease from certain professions (firefighters). Our director (Brad Thompson) sent an email to this affect to the leg. office last week. Privileged or Personal M Privileged or Personal Material Redacted Tibbles also had a conversation with Brad earlier today.

From: Thompson, Brad (DOA)
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 1:57 PM
To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)
Subject: FW: HB 200 Workers' Comp Disease Presumption

Privileged or Personal Material Redacted . see my email from last week

Brad

Brad.Thompson@alaska.gov

From: Thompson, Brad (DOA)
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 7:51 PM
To: Brooks, Kevin A (DOA); Rowland, Mindy B (GOV)
Subject: RE: HB 200 Workers' Comp Disease Presumption

Mindy,

In its present form HB200 is limited to creating a new statutory presumption for those defined firefighters that have certification as Firefighter I, with at least 7 years experience within the state and no evidence of the disease at each annual exam....

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Brad

From: Brooks, Kevin A (DOA)
Sent: Wed 3/19/2008 7:21 PM
To: Thompson, Brad (DOA)
Subject: Fw: HB 200 Workers' Comp Disease Presumption

----- Original Message -----
From: Rowland, Mindy B (GOV)
To: Brooks, Kevin A (DOA)
Sent: Wed Mar 19 17:54:15 2008
Subject: HB 200 Workers' Comp Disease Presumption

Hi Kevin,

Can you briefly tell me the Div. of Risk Management unofficial stance on this bill? This is the bill that would allow workers' comp claims in the future for yet undetermined cancers that may have been caused from exposure to yet to be identified carcinogens in the line of work. I'm compiling information to prepare Russ for a meeting tomorrow morning (Thurs.) and haven't come across any notes from Admin. I don't need much, just whether or not the CS evokes strong concerns or excitement. You can either email or call me, your preference.

Thanks

Mindy

Mindy Rowland

Deputy Legislative Director

Office of Governor Sarah Palin

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 11:34 AM
To: Sarah Palin
Subject: FW: Land selections / Cabins

Governor - If I get an error message back, I will print off and hand to you. Janice

-----Original Message-----

From: Irwin, Tom E (DNR)

Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 11:23 AM

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)

Subject: Land selections / Cabins

Janice, the Governor and I had exchanged some email last night and this morning on lands and cabin issues. This one keeps getting sent back to me as undeliverable because of time limits. Would you see that she receives it. Thanks Tom

Governor, we will work on some type of press release because it is good news about the progress. The closer we get to

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From: Galvin, Patrick S (DOR) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=PSGALVIN1]

Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 11:45 AM

To: Sarah Palin; Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV)

Subject: RE: Fw: Point Thomson question

Governor,

We're finalizing a draft press release today that can go out either tomorrow or Friday with the AGIA schedule.

-Pat

From: Sarah Palin [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 10:41 AM
To: Rutherford, Marty K (DNR); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Galvin, Patrick S (DOR)
Subject: Re: Fw: Point Thomson question

Thank you Marty.
Are we estimating a timeline yet on announcing DNR finding?
And Tibbles was stopped again today by McAllister asking about AGIA timing... just fyi... he (and other reporters) will be attending one of my legislative budget meetings this afternoon so he'll be asking me again about timing of special session and he'll want me to answer his "what's up with AGIA" standard questions.

"Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)" <marty.rutherford@alaska.gov> wrote:

> Governor, All,
> I am forwarding this exchange between Robert Dillon and Cammy Taylor (DNR's Oil & Gas Division) just so you know the correct information. The Wesley Loy' article in today's Anch Daily News inaccurately stated that ExxonMobil's proposal was filed with the Superior Crt. It was simply filed with DNR as part of the PTU Remand Hearing.
> Marty
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Taylor, Cammy O (DNR)
> To: rdillon@energyintel.com <rdillon@energyintel.com>
> Cc: Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)
> Sent: Wed Mar 26 09:07:59 2008
> Subject: Point Thomson question
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> Robert,
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> Attached is the "Post Hearing Brief of Exxon Mobil Corporation, BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc, Chevron USA Inc., and ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc." and a "[Proposed] Agreed Final Judgment and Order" filed with the DNR Commissioner Friday 3/21. These documents were filed for the Commissioner's consideration only. They were not filed with the Superior Court.
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> If you need any additional information you can reach me at cammy.taylor@alaska.gov or 907-269-8817. ~Cammy

----- Original Message -----
From: Robert Dillon <RDillon@energyintel.com>
To: Rutherford, Marty K (DNR); Irwin, Tom E (DNR)
Sent: Wed Mar 26 06:59:40 2008
Subject:

Marty,

Can we talk sometime this morning about what's happening in the Point Thomson case? Wesley's story wasn't exactly clear on where things are. So Exxon has gone outside the admin hearing process and asked the state superior court to approve its plan? Are any of these docs online?

Sincerely,

R.A. Dillon

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From: Bailey, Frank T (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=FTBAILEY]

Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 1:36 PM

To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'

Cc: Nizich; Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Libraries - State Historical Records

Governor,

Here are appointment recommendations for the Council on Libraries and State Historical Records Advisory Board. Background checks done. Some of these are tough to find folks for but this fills 9 of 10 spots we're trying to resolve on these 2 boards.

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Advisory Council on Libraries - Plans, develops, and evaluates library services in Alaska; advises state on federal library issues. We recommend:

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907.465.3934 - Juneau
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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 5:34 PM
To: Sarah Palin
Subject: Telephone Call/Visit Request

Importance: High

Governor - Frank spoke with Matt Yerbic, VP Alaska Airlines. Matt will be resigning Alaska Airlines and would like to fly up and see you before he leaves his position. Frank explained that you are very busy at this time. Matt asked if you would be available to call him. He would like to talk with you in regards to his future business opportunities.

Contact: Matt Yerbic

206-619-0162

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From: Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=KJREHFELD]
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 11:54 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); 'grayfam8@msn.com'
Subject: RE: Sitka Auditorium

Dear Mr. Gray:

Thank you for your email to Governor Palin regarding funding for the Sitka High School Auditorium that was added to SB 256, the Supplemental Budget bill, which recently passed the Legislature. We will take your recommendation into consideration.

Sincerely,

Karen J. Rehfeld, Director

Office of Management and Budget

-----Original Message-----

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 10:09 AM

To: grayfam8@msn.com

Subject: RE: Education

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Friday, March 21, 2008 7:17 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Education

Web mail from: Mr. Steve Gray

address: 104 Meridian CT Shelton WA 98584

360-427-6494

MESSAGE:

Please pass BILL: SB 256, the Sitka auditorium needs to get finished. My daughter is flying from Washington State for camp in June. I lived in Sitka from 1986 - 1995, and believe that finishing the new auditorium will provide an excellent stage for performing for the yearly fine arts camp and the Sitka School District.

Please consider in passing the bill.

Thank You!

Steve Gray

Shelton, WA

grayfam8@msn.com

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From: Pat Murray [mrpm@acsalaska.net]

Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 12:40 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Cc: Lloyd; Denby S (DFG); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); mike chenault; tom wagoner; Swanton; Charles O (DFG); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Keven Meyer

Subject: Fw: Kasilof River Boat Launch

----- Original Message -----
From: Pat Murray
To: King, James G (DNR)
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 11:24 AM
Subject: Re: Kasilof River Boat Launch

Thank You for your response.

I agree that a drift boat haulout is needed in the lower Kasilof River. The prospect of a **motorboat launch** is an entirely different proposition. That is a very alarming scenario for the local residents. The river and the residents have for the most part not had the problems with hydrocarbons from sportsfishing,overcrowding,horsepower limits issues,etc.,that the Kenai is currently experiencing-mainly for lack of motorboat access. As is- one F&G researchers jet boat is heard loudly throughout the area. The possibility of numerous ones is very disturbing indeed! Who will make the call for these concerns- Will jetboats be run anywhere in the river? Will the present drift guides, all "motorup", to compete? Will there be a horsepower limit? Will the river have more bank erosion? Will the **beluga whales** that feed all the way up the Kasilof River's tidal zone, be impacted?
Many ,many, negative impacts can easily be foreseen. Now would be an excellent time to rethink the funding of the project. If the project did not include a motorboat launch, I could support it.I believe the area's fish and wildlife would be more sustainable without the motorboat launch. Just look at the Kenai in July! This Kasilof project will not relieve that pressure, it will only create another problem! Please pass these comments on also.

Thank You,
Patrick E. Murray
Kasilof-resident 18yrs, Kenai peninsula resident 35yrs.
----- Original Message -----

> **From:** King, James G (DNR)
> **To:** King, James G (DNR)
> **Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 7:25 AM
> **Subject:** Kasilof River Boat Launch
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> Hello,
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> I am just letting you know that we will be passing your comments about the proposed Kasilof River Boat Launch on to Fish and Game.
>
> James

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 10:01 AM

To: Crome; Cora J (GOV)

Subject: FW: Department of Fish and Game funding proposal #44823

From: Sandy [mailto:sacmatthews@acsalaska.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 9:46 AM
To: King, James G (DNR)
Cc: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); rep_mike_chenault@legis.state.ak.us; Wagoner, Tom (LAA); Rep.paul.seaton@legis.state.ak.us; Olson, Kurt E (LAA); Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Lloyd, Denby S (DFG); Swanton, Charles O (DFG); Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV); Crome, Cora J (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); rep.kevin.meyer@legis.state.ak.us
Subject: Department of Fish and Game funding proposal #44823

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From: Sandy [sacmatthews@acsalaska.net]

Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 9:46 AM

To: King; James G (DNR)

Cc: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); rep_mike_chenault@legis.state.ak.us; Wagoner; Tom (LAA); Rep.paul.seaton@legis.state.ak.us; Olson; Kurt E (LAA); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Lloyd; Denby S (DFG); Swanton; Charles O (DFG); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Crome; Cora J (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); rep.kevin.meyer@legis.state.ak.us

Subject: Department of Fish and Game funding proposal #44823

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 5:09 PM
To: Irwin; Tom E (DNR)
Subject: Re: State Selections/TAPS Corridor

Got it. Thanks

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 26 Mar 2008 09:17:35

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Fw: State Selections/TAPS Corridor

Re send. Delivery notification problems

----- Original Message -----

From: Irwin, Tom E (DNR)

To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com' <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc: Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Sent: Wed Mar 26 07:59:02 2008

Subject: Re: State Selections/TAPS Corridor

Governor, we will work on some type of press release because it is good news about the progress. The closer we get to the end, and there is a large amount (years) of work remaining, the land selections get much harder because of things like over selections and complications with clear title.

The cabin issue is tough. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

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Sorry this is so long, its one of the really tough issues. God bless your day. Tom

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Irwin, Tom E (DNR)

Cc: Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Sent: Wed Mar 26 07:07:46 2008

Subject: Re: State Selections/TAPS Corridor

How can we let Alaskans know the significance of this? It's good news and it does benefit them.

Also, is anything new on the idea (bad idea) of burning down the cabins/emergency shelters that are sitting on BLM lands throughout some parts of Alaska? I still hear questions on what I can do to stop it.

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From: "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 26 Mar 2008 00:09:53

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc:"Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>,"Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>,"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: State Selections/TAPS Corridor

Governor, info if asked. The State has received over 3 million acres from the Feds in the last two years. Doesn't seem like too much for the size of Alaska but this is around the size of Delaware and Rhode Island combined. The 82,608 acres is in addition to what we have already received - this is the land within the TAPS Pipeline corridor in the Copper River Basin that was freed up through the discussions with BLM on their East Alaska Management Plan. This 82,608 acres is not actually traversed by the pipeline, but to the east and west. Some is land in the Alaska Range (just west of the Delta River) that the

mining folks are excited to get

and the rest is near the Gulkana Glacier. - the home of the Arctic Man snow machine race. BLM and state people have been working hard on getting title to Alaska lands.

The amount of land still owed the state is approx 11 million acres.

BLM and the state have also had significant success in obtaining uncontested title for Alaska to numerous navigable waterways in Alaska through recordable disclaimers.

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To: Irwin, Tom E (DNR)

Cc: Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Sent: Tue Mar 25 21:53:03 2008

Subject: Re: State Selections/TAPS Corridor

Thanks!

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 21:30:19

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc:"Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>,"Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>,"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: State Selections/TAPS Corridor

Governor, I don't think you have to do anything but I have asked our Mine/Land/Water people to give us a summary of all BLM lands transferred to the state over the last couple of years. I think it is now over 3-million acres. I will get an update out tomorrow.

God bless. Tom

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Katz, John W (GOV); Irwin, Tom E (DNR)

Cc: Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Sent: Tue Mar 25 21:17:35 2008

Subject: Re: State Selections/TAPS Corridor

Thank you for the info. Pls let me know if I need to do anything on this.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 10:47:42

To:"Tom Irwin" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>,"Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Joseph Balash" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>,"Mike Nizich" <Mike.Nizich@alaska.gov>,"Michael Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Kris Perry" <kris_perry@gov.state.ak.us>,"Sharon Leighow" <sharon_leighow@gov.state.ak.us>

Subject: State Selections/TAPS Corridor

The Bureau of Land Management has just = published a public land order making 82,608 acres near Paxson available = for conveyance to the State under the Alaska Statehood Act. &nbs= p;

At least one Alaska reporter has inquired about = the BLM decision and the relevant background. So, I wanted you to = know.

The modification of PLO 5150 to recognize the = State's previous selections is the product of a lengthy planning = process initiated several years ago. The State originally asked the = Secretary of the Interior to release most of the lands in the TAPS = Corridor on the grounds that they are no longer needed for federal = purposes. While the 82,608 acres is far less than the State = originally sought, it does represent high priority acreage for DNR. =

The BLM is unlikely to make additional lands = within the TAPS Corridor south of the Yukon River available for State = selection any time soon. However, it will commence a

planning = process to consider acreage north of the Yukon which the State also would = like to receive.

By separate email, I have advised other people = within the State administration of the BLM's decision.

Please note that my email address has = changed. My new email address = is <mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org <mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org <mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org <mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org> > > jwkatz@alaskadc.org. = Thank you .

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 2:25 PM
To: 'corinsak@gci.net'
Subject: RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 3:03 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Lenny Corin

address: 8201 Summerset Drive Anchorage AK 99518

907-344-5101

MESSAGE:

Gov. Palin,

We met recently at the North Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting and I hope that you are displaying on your refrigerator the magnet I gave you from the Maritime National Wildlife Refuge!

I've since retired from the Federal government and would like to make sure you are aware of the current inequity that exists for Federal retirees in Alaska compared to the lower 48 and look for your support for Federal legislation to correct this problem.

In Alaska and Hawaii Federal employees receive a Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) rather than Locality Pay (LP), which applies in the lower 48. The difference is that COLA does not apply toward retirement but LP does. For me this means that my pension is around 45% rather that 58% of my previous pay. As a result of this inequity, Alaska and Hawaii retirees receive the lowest retirement pay in the Nation for their grade and experience level. This inequity makes it difficult for retirees to remain in AK. It also makes recruitment and retention of experienced Federal employees difficult as employees are looking to maximize their retirement benefits toward the end of their careers.

Why should the State of Alaska care? I believe that the State of Alaska benefits from having the best and the brightest managing the extensive Federal estate in Alaska. By handicapping Federal managers through this inequitable system Alaska is at a disadvantage compared to Federal recruiters in the lower 48.

By losing retirees from Alaska you also lose money that would otherwise be spend in Alaska communities. You also lose an extremely valuable work force of potential community volunteers.

Thank you for your time and I hope that you will support Federal legislation that would place Alaska and Hawaii on equal footing with the rest of the Nation by converting our current system to Locality Pay. Please also assure that Federal retirees are not forgotten. I would hope that for the purpose of pension payments for current retirees that COLA can be included in calculations for retirement pay as well.

Sincerely,

Lenny Corin

corinsak@gci.net

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From: Rutherford, Marty K (DNR) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MKRUTHERFORD]
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 11:44 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Cc: Irwin; Tom E (DNR)
Subject: Re: Fw: Point Thomson question

Governor,

We are not announcing when the Commissioner will issue the decision on the PTU Remand Hearing. However it is fair to tell them that Superior Crt Judge Gleason has required we file a decision with her by June 15th.

Regarding the questions you will receive on AGIA, we are working on the Special Session Proclamation and draft press release, which will be to you and Sharon by the end of the day. Perhaps you could simply tell the press they will be hearing something specific from you by the end of the week.

Thanks,

Marty

----- Original Message -----

From: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Rutherford, Marty K (DNR); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Galvin, Patrick S (DOR)

Sent: Wed Mar 26 10:40:33 2008

Subject: Re: Fw: Point Thomson question

Thank you Marty.

Are we estimating a timeline yet on announcing DNR finding?

And Tibbles was stopped again today by McAllister asking about AGIA timing... just fyi... he (and other reporters) will be attending one of my legislative budget meetings this afternoon so he'll be asking me again about timing of special session and he'll want me to answer his "what's up with AGIA" standard questions.

"Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)" <marty.rutherford@alaska.gov> wrote:

Governor, All,

I am forwarding this exchange between Robert Dillon and Cammy Taylor (DNR's Oil & Gas Division) just so you know the correct information. The Wesley Loy' article in today's Anch Daily News inaccurately stated that ExxonMobil's proposal was filed with the Superior Crt. It was simply filed with DNR as part of the PTU Remand Hearing.

Marty

----- Original Message -----

From: Taylor, Cammy O (DNR)

To: rdillon@energyintel.com <rdillon@energyintel.com>

Cc: Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)

Sent: Wed Mar 26 09:07:59 2008

Subject: Point Thomson question

Robert,

Attached is the "Post Hearing Brief of Exxon Mobil Corporation, BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc, Chevron USA Inc., and ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc." and a "[Proposed] Agreed Final Judgment and Order" filed with the DNR Commissioner Friday 3/21. These documents were filed for the Commissioner's consideration only. They were not filed with the Superior Court.

If you need any additional information you can reach me at cammy.taylor@alaska.gov or 907-269-8817. ~Cammy

----- Original Message -----

From: Robert Dillon <RDillon@energyintel.com>

To: Rutherford, Marty K (DNR); Irwin, Tom E (DNR)

Sent: Wed Mar 26 06:59:40 2008

Subject:

Marty,

Can we talk sometime this morning about what's happening in the Point Thomson case? Wesley's story wasn't exactly clear on where things are. So Exxon has gone outside the admin hearing process and asked the state superior court to approve its plan? Are any of these docs online?

Sincerely,

R.A. Dillon

Political Correspondent

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 11:00 AM
To: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV)
Cc: Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Subject: Homer Residents

Just rejected by 2:1 vote local bonding for $8 million for park space and city hall amenities... If these "quality of life improvements" aren't supported locally, then the state should not be looked to to fund.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 1:23 PM
To: Crome; Cora J (GOV)
Subject: FW: c.smith response /Karen Rehfeld and James King

From: cindysmi@acsalaska.net [mailto:cindysmi@acsalaska.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 12:22 PM
To: King, James G (DNR)
Cc: Swanton, Charles O (DFG); Crome, Cora J (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV); Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Lloyd, Denby S (DFG); Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell (GOV sponsored)
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March 27, 2008

Division of Parks and Recreation
James King, Director

Alaska Department of Fish and Game/Sport Fish Division
Charlie Swanton, Director

Re: Oppose funding Fish & Game proposal #44823, to purchase Trujillo landing for a Lower Kasilof motorized Boat Launch

Mr. King and Mr.Swanton,

Thank you for responding to my letter.

It does not seem logical to me that Fish and Game receive funding to buy private property to construct a public access motorized boat launch, before their is any public concerns addressed, especially when the Trujillo parcel is the target and will have to be accessible through an established neighborhood of over 35 homeowners. Also, their is a private haulout north of Trujillo landing in Cohoe Cove where a large number of drift guide boats pull out now, so to insinuate that losing this haulout would devastate the drift fishery is not correct.

The other huge concern is all the conflicting information we receive by letter or when we have called different departments regarding this project, including the comment "that their is nothing on the horizon to change the character of the drift boat fishery". According to the appropriation request for this project it states that "boating use will be split between both power and non-motorized craft" and that "it is imperative that the public have motorized access to fish for kings and coho salmon". To me that sounds like their will be a change to the character of the fishery users on this river and is going to allow powerboat access on the Kasilof River.

My neighbors and I have received many letters to our correspondence with the same response "that sport fishing is an important component of the economy and quality of life on the Kenai Peninsula and boating access is an essential ....." What about the people that support this economy and community year around. I don't see most of these users in my local grocery store or supporting our economy throughout the winter. They make all of their money and then leave the state to spend their proceeds in their own community. Do we not have a right to enjoy our neighborhood and community? We do not feel like we have been heard on this issue, especially when we are told that we can have input after they have received funding. Where in the private sector do you ever get funding first without an assessment or concerns addressed to those that will be affected? This does not make any sense to me or others, and we feel like we are being railroaded.

Many people in this community are very concerned that F & G wanting to put a public access motorized boat launch 3 1/2 miles up the Kasilof River, will bring an entirely new user group that is currently not here, of motorized boats with 2 stroke engines that have recently been prohibited for use on the Kenai River for Personal Use Fisheries, because of pollution. This will inundate the Kasilof River with these same users. I feel this would be devastating to the Kasilof River and our community.

One of the parcels being targeted by F&G for this boat Launch, is the Trujillo parcel, that is located among 35 established homeowners where I have lived for 16 years with all the same neighbors. Their are many people, myself included, that walk everyday with their dogs and children year around, but during the summer it is very difficult even though Trujillo's only allow a limited amount of drift guide boats access to his landing, there is still an increased amount of traffic that feels too dangerous for me to enjoy walking or riding my horse in my own neighborhood. I can only imagine the devastation that will happen, if this public boat launch goes through our neighborhood.

I am concerned that once F&G get funding for this project we will not have a chance to keep it out of our neighborhood or protect the Kasilof River. I feel that public concerns should be addressed first and at least some limited impact studies done before funding is provided to this proposal.

Cynthia Smith
Kasilof Resident

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Kasilof Resident

Attachment of Appropriation Request for F&G #44823

Unknown

From: Kelly, Russell T (GOV) [russ.kelly@alaska.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 11:16 AM

To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)

Subject: blogs

Keeping it secret

By Stefan Milkowski

Published Tuesday, March 25, 2008

Sen. Bert Stedman of Sitka today refused to disclose the Senate majority's spending plans for the capital budget, or even to say whether the group had set a limit.

He was asked multiple times by multiple people (including me) at this morning's news conference and after. Stedman, who is one of the co-chairs of the Finance Committee, and Senate President Lyda Green, both defended the concept of having a big capital budget in years when you have high revenues, like this year.

"A vigorous capital budget is what we need right now," said Green.

Stedman also said it was hard to set a dollar figure limit when he and others were still considering all the funding requests submitted by individual lawmakers for projects.

But Stedman flatly refused to say whether the majority had set a limit, let alone to share what it was. I don't know whether limits were always set in years past, but this year seems different. Gov. Sarah Palin and members of the Senate minority have been repeatedly calling for some kind of limit, and the potential to spend is high because of the huge budget surpluses expected.

Stedman said later that the "limit" was the amount of money available after savings, although it's unclear how much the majority aims to save. He added that he liked the idea of the state saving twice as much as it spends.

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McAllister:

The V word, Chapter V

Posted: March 25, 2008 06:40 PM

Rep. Jay Ramras wants it known that he and Gov. Palin are on good terms.

Ramras continues to suffer from my blog entry, "The V Word," which discussed a bit of word association that led him to use the word "vagina," when I meant to indicate "vetoes."

Ramras and I were talking in the House speaker's chamber just after the governor attended an open caucus. Therefore, he had been concerned that she would take offense.

But she did not. Ramras says that after he wrote her a note of apology, she responded by coming to his office with a nice note saying she wasn't offended -- and with a plate and a cookie for him.

"The governor and I are fine," Ramras said tonight.

Which is pretty remarkable, actually, not because of the V word, but because of the M word:

McCarthyism, which is what Ramras accused her of leading up to the special session on oil taxes, for allegedly associating with corruption anyone who would oppose the tax increase she backed. Palin responded to him at the time that there was no need to be paranoid.

But now he might say there is.

Sorry, Jay!

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 9:23 AM
To: worldtop@gci.net
Subject: RE: Budget

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 6:55 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Budget

Web mail from: Mr. Glen Williams

address: 11200 Hideaway Trail Anchorage AK 99507

907-346-1749

MESSAGE:

I like "minority" Sen. Bunde's ideas about savings accounts and preparing for years ahead when the state will not have as much money. Paying down the TRS/PERS debt would certainly be helpful and save a lot on interest on that debt.

Love you, pray for you every day. Keep up the great work you are doing!

glen and jan

worldtop@gci.net

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 9:22 AM
To: Provost; Kathryn T (GOV)
Cc: Cayce; Sunny C (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Natural_Resources

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 6:57 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Natural_Resources

Web mail from: Ms. Kathleen Menke

address: PO Box 781 Haines AK 99827

MESSAGE:

Dear Gov. Palin:

Congratulations on your new child on the way. I appreciate the many things you are doing to look out for the best interests of Alaskans--especially putting more transparency and accountability into natural resource issues.

Two things you can do better:

#1 Give more support to the Alaska Marine Highway because this supports locals businesses and the economy and provides safe and reliable travel for school teams and for elders. AMH is a necessity for outlying communities who must travel to Juneau for medical and airport.

#2 Respect the people of the Alaska's votes on predator control issues. Extend your respect for life to respect for all life and nature's balance. As humans in Alaska, we need healthy populations in their natural balance, respect for ourselves, each other, and for all life. Don't do an end run around the people on this issue.

ci@akmk.com

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 8:07 AM
To: Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Subject: Tax reductions

Russ- could you also find out where our tire tax and biz license fee bills are? I want to keep pushing those because the state doesn't need the money we're taking and administering off tires and small business.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 7:40 AM
To: Kim; Anna C (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Frank Bailey; Ivy personal
Subject: Fw: Fireman's disease legislation

Here's why pro-CON repeal folks can't get their hopes up... even our friends like Stoltze are sending mixed messages about who's to blame for sitting on this. We'll keep working on it today.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Kelly, Russell T (GOV)" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 26 Mar 2008 07:12:02

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Fireman's disease legislation

I went by last night and Meyer was in a meeting, Chenault was out. It's #1 on my list for this a.m.

I'm getting conflicting information from Stoltze, also, and dropped in on him last night but he was mtg with another leggie. I asked staff to let him know why I stopped by and that I'd follow up this a.m. We'll get it cleared up today.

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Kelly, Russell T (GOV)

Sent: Tue Mar 25 22:17:00 2008

Subject: Fireman's disease legislation

Mike- we didn't get to finish our conversation on Nancy's bill re: firefighters. I haven't acted on it, but I don't oppose it. Haven't seen a fiscal note on it, but if Nancy asks for our help on it I will help her out.

Also, anyone know why Meyer and Chenault still won't schedule the CON bill? I tried calling both offices this evening but it was after hours. I'll try again tomorrow so that

I'm on record, again, as asking for hearings and action on the measure. I'm still 100-percent committed to repeal, and am perplexed and disappointed with their lack of progress.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 7:38 AM
To: Kelly; Russell T (GOV)
Subject: Re: CON

Thanks. And one of the ones suggesting that I get on Meyer about this is Stoltze... and on the Senate side Huggins told Anna that he wasn't doing anything with our bill (though he's always supported the idea) because I was "inconsiderate" by not giving him a head's up that I was introducing it in January (though I talked about it in the State of State, and met with Huggins last year on this when he and Bob Lynn told me I'd have to be the one introducing it because their bills weren't progressing through the Leg as they'd hoped). Odd.

Huggins didn't have an answer for: if this has been bothering you for all this time and has held up the issue on the Senate side, why didn't you "communicate" that to the 3rd floor?

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Kelly, Russell T (GOV)" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 26 Mar 2008 07:15:40

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: CON

Just responded to your e-mail from last night...I'm on it first thing this a.m. We'll get have some answers quickly. Some folks are talking out of both sides of their mouths...if I'm to believe what I heard yesterday from Stoltze. I'll get clarity today...and it will be the first time :)

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Kelly, Russell T (GOV)

Sent: Wed Mar 26 07:09:29 2008

Subject: CON

Pls check on Meyer's action on scheduling CON bill today. Wonder why he's sitting on it. Thanks

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 7:08 AM
To: Irwin; Tom E (DNR)
Cc: Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: State Selections/TAPS Corridor

How can we let Alaskans know the significance of this? It's good news and it does benefit them.

Also, is anything new on the idea (bad idea) of burning down the cabins/emergency shelters that are sitting on BLM lands throughout some parts of Alaska? I still hear questions on what I can do to stop it.

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From: "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 26 Mar 2008 00:09:53

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

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Subject: Re: State Selections/TAPS Corridor

Governor, info if asked. The State has received over 3 million acres from the Feds in the last two years. Doesn't seem like too much for the size of Alaska but this is around the size of Delaware and Rhode Island combined. The 82,608 acres is in addition to what we have already received - this is the land within the TAPS Pipeline corridor in the Copper River Basin that was freed up through the discussions with BLM on their East Alaska Management Plan. This 82,608 acres is not actually traversed by the pipeline, but to the east and west. Some is land in the Alaska Range (just west of the Delta River) that the mining folks are excited to get

and the rest is near the Gulkana Glacier. - the home of the Arctic Man snow machine race. BLM and state people have been working hard on getting title to Alaska lands.

The amount of land still owed the state is approx 11 million acres.

BLM and the state have also had significant success in obtaining uncontested title for Alaska to numerous navigable waterways in Alaska through recordable disclaimers.

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Sent: Tue Mar 25 21:53:03 2008

Subject: Re: State Selections/TAPS Corridor

Thanks!

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From: "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

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Governor, I don't think you have to do anything but I have asked our Mine/Land/Water people to give us a summary of all BLM lands transferred to the state over the last couple of years. I think it is now over 3-million acres. I will get an update out tomorrow. God bless. Tom

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Katz, John W (GOV); Irwin, Tom E (DNR)

Cc: Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

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Thank you for the info. Pls let me know if I need to do anything on this.

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From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 10:47:42

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Subject: State Selections/TAPS Corridor

The Bureau of Land Management has just = published a public land order making 82,608 acres near Paxson available = for conveyance to the State under the Alaska Statehood Act. &nbs= p;

At least one Alaska reporter has inquired about = the BLM decision and the relevant background. So, I wanted you to = know.

The modification of PLO 5150 to recognize the = State's previous selections is the product of a lengthy planning = process initiated several years ago. The State originally asked the = Secretary of the Interior to release most of the lands in the TAPS = Corridor on the grounds that they are no longer needed for federal = purposes. While the 82,608 acres is far less than the State = originally sought, it does represent high priority acreage for DNR. =

The BLM is unlikely to make additional lands = within the TAPS Corridor south of the Yukon River available for State = selection any time soon. However, it will commence a planning = process to consider acreage north of the Yukon which the State also would = like to receive.

By separate email, I have advised other people = within the State administration of the BLM's decision.

Please note that my email address has = changed. My new email address = is <mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org <mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org <mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org> > >

jwkatz@alaskadc.org. = Thank you .